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In re Patent Application of:)	Atty Docket No.:
CHIU ET AL.)	78348 (29-5 US)
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Serial No. 09/896,695)	Art Unit: 2874
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Filing Date: June 28, 2001)	Examiner:
)	Tina M. Lin
Confirmation No. 9069)	
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For: Method and Apparatus for Push)	
Button Release Fiber Optic)	
Modules)	

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

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Sir:

City of San Jose
State of California,

I, Ron Cheng Chuan Pang, declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true:

1. I, along with Liew Chuang Chiu, Yong Peng Sim, Edwin Dair and Kee Sin Tan, am an applicant of the above-identified patent application and an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. Prior to November 30, 2000, in Calabasas, California and Singapore we conceived the idea of a Push Button

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Release for a Fiber Optic Module as described and claimed in the above-identified application.

3. The original design was a one-piece plastic molded actuator and kicker called the "Pisces Actuator(Long Tail)", as illustrated in Exhibit A and in the drawing dated September 18, 2000 (Exhibit B).

4. To improve robustness, a two-piece version of the push-button release was developed in Calabasas, California and Singapore, as illustrated in Exhibit C, with a plastic actuator (Exhibit D, dated October 9, 2000) and a metal kicker (Exhibit E, dated October 9, 2000)

5. Further improvements were made to the actuator to enhance its fit with the metal kicker, as illustrated in the drawing dated October 23, 2000 (Exhibit F).

6. A two-piece plastic molded version was then developed in Calabasas, California and Singapore, as illustrated in Exhibit G, including an actuator (Exhibit H, dated March 7, 2001) and a kicker (Exhibit I, dated March 7, 2001).

7. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Sworn at the city of San Jose in the
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